



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

HEAD QUARTERS,

QUEBEC, 3rd April, 1815.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HIS Excellency the COMMANDER OF THE FORCES announces to the Army serving in British North America, that he has received the Commands of His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT to return to England.

In taking leave of an Army he had the honor to Command from the commencement of Hostilities with the United States to the termination of the War, His Excellency has great satisfaction in expressing his entire approbation and acknowledging the high sense he entertains of the zeal, courage and discipline that has been so eminently displayed by this portion of His Majesty's Troops.

It has fallen to the lot of this Army to struggle through an arduous and unequal Contest, remote from succour, and deprived of many advantages experienced in the more cultivated Countries of Europe; yet His Excellency has witnessed with pride and admiration, the firmness, intrepidity and patient endurance of fatigue and privations, which have marked the character of the Army of Canada. Under all these circumstances, valour and discipline have prevailed, and although local considerations and limited means have circumscribed the War principally to a defensive system, it has, notwithstanding, been ennobled, by numerous brilliant exploits, which will adorn the page of future history. At Detroit, and at the River Raisin two entire Armies with their Commanding Generals were captured, and greatly superior Armies were repulsed. The several Battles of Queenstown, Stoney Creek, Chateaugay, Chrytiller's, La Colle, Lundy's Lane, near the Falls of Niagara, and the subsequent operations on that Frontier, will ever immortalize the Heroes who were on those occasions afforded the opportunity of distinguishing themselves. The Capture of Michillmackinac, Ogdensburg, Oswego and Niagara by Assault, are trophies of the prowess of British Arms. The names of the respective Officers who led His Majesty's Troops to these several achievements are already known to the world, and will be transmitted by the faithful historian with glory to a grateful posterity.

Reviewing past events, it is with exultation His Excellency reflects on the complete success which has crowned the valour, exertions, and perseverance of this gallant Army, by terminating each successive Campaign in the complete defeat and discomfiture of all the Enemy's Plans, in which the utmost energies of the Government of the United States have been exhausted in vain efforts to accomplish his avowed object, the Conquest of these Provinces. Lieut. General Sir JOHN C. SHERBROOKE, and the Army under his immediate orders, are entitled to the highest praise for the bravery and promptness displayed in the occupation of a large District of the Enemy's Territory, and His Excellency requests the Lieut. General will accept His Thanks for the cordial assistance he has at all times afforded him.

To Lieut. General Sir GORDON DRUMMOND, on whom the Command of the Canadas devolves, His Excellency's best Thanks are due, for his unwearied exertions and support under circumstances of peculiar difficulty: To the General Officers, General Staff, and Officers and Soldiers, His Excellency feels himself highly indebted, and duly appreciates their respective merits. To Major General BAYNES the Adjutant General, and Major General Sir SIDNEY BECKWITH the Quarter Master General, and to the Officers of his personal Staff, His Excellency's Thanks are also due for the judgment, alacrity and zeal evinced in the discharge of their several duties.

His Excellency has every reason to be satisfied with the conduct and exertions of the Public Departments of this Army, and he feels it an Act of Justice to express particularly his approbation of the very efficient manner in which the Commissariat has been conducted under the zealous and judicious arrangements of Commissary General ROBINSON.

His Excellency will have peculiar gratification in representing to His Royal Highness The PRINCE REGENT the Services and Talents of the Officers of this Army, to the honorable Survivors of which Lieut. General Sir GEORGE PREVOST offers the heartfelt Tribute of his warmest Thanks.

(Signed) EDWARD BAYNES, Adjutant General,

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